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1. AT LAST REPORTS, TEN THOUSAND MT STOCKPILE OF SORGHUM REFERRED TO BY SHAUGHNESSY/OLNICK SUBSEQUENT TO ROSSO VISIT HAD BEEN REDUCED BY ABOUT HALF. THE MAINTENANCE ASPECT OF THE TRUCK SITUATION HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO AID/W AS PER SEPT-OCT TDY TO REGION OF PRESENT FFPO.

2. PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, THERE IS VERY LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF USING CONTRACTED SENEGALESE TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF COMMODITY WITHIN MAURITANIA. FOR ONE THING, ALL VEHICLES WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE AVAILABLE DMR SUCH WORK ARE COMMITTED THROUGH END JUNE/BEG. JULY DUE TO GROUND-NUT HARVEST. FOR ANOTHER, PAST EXPERINECE INDICATES THAT MAURITANIANS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE WILLING TO ACCEPT SUCH A SOLUTION. ACCORDING SOCOPAO, MIN TRANSPORT OF GIRM HAS BEEN LESS THAN COOPERATIVE IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN THE
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PAST. FORWARDER ALSO CLAIMS THAT GIRM MILITARY, WHICH

CONTROLS/IMPLEMENTS TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH MIN HEALTH, WOULD BE EXTREMELY
RELUCTANT IN ANY RISE TO PROVIDE POL AND NECESSARY
MAINTENANCE FOR SENEGALESE TRUCKS. AWAIT CONFIRMATION
OR REBUTTAL THESE RESERVATIONS BY AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT.

3. SEE LACK OF DUNNAGE FOR COMMODITIES STORED IN THE
OPEN (EVEN WHEN PROTECTED BY TARPAULINS) AS ADDITIONAL
HAZARD, WITH ONSET OF RAINY SEASON.

4. IN 1973, CANADIAN AID PROGRAM (CIDA) OFFERED TO
ASSIST GIRM OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES IMPOSED BY TRUCKING
OPERATION THIS MAGNITUDE, VIA THE PROVISION OF A TEAM
OF CONSULTANTS CAPABLE OF ASSISTING THE MAURITANIANS
TO SET UP AND OPERATE NETWORK OF MAINTENANCE CENTERS
COUNTRY WIDE. FATE OF THIS PROPOSAL, A SOUND ONE,
NOT KNOWN. DECONTROL 10/22/74.
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